

COUNTDOWN TO UCL



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WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR AT UCL - We're committed to making sure you can receive a world-class education and student experience in September, and that you can do so safely and with the flexibility you need. Check the **UCL Students website** regularly for all the latest on how we're doing this.

Dear **`\${Contacts.First Name}`**,

We want you want to achieve the best you can whilst you're at UCL. Not only does this relate to personal growth and having an amazing social life, but also of course to your academic performance. For the tenth Countdown to UCL email, we talk about **Academic Life**.

Academic life

Whatever your programme, UCL offers a range of resources to help you excel academically. We highlight some of the key things to consider as you start out on your studies, whatever your level. Find out more about the support available from your personal tutor, the new online classroom and the useful resources to help with your digital study skills.



Connect and learn in the online classroom

Due to the unusual circumstances this year, you're likely to find yourself using video conferencing software for your studies. Here we help you to optimise your online learning experience using these platforms. **Find out more.**



Mind the gap - digital skills at UCL

Here at UCL, we use a wide variety of digital platforms to aid your learning. We understand this may seem daunting especially if you've not used them before, so we've put **this article** together to help you navigate our digital learning environment.



Cracking academic thinking and writing

Academic writing and thinking at university can be very different from what it was like at school or college. Here, we run you through the ins and outs of academic writing to help you hit the ground running. [Read on.](#)



What do you need to succeed? Personal tutoring at UCL

What do you need to succeed whilst here at UCL? Well, engaging with your personal tutor from the start is one way to help ensure your time here is a success. [Find out more](#) about how your personal tutor can help you here.



A warm welcome from the UCL Doctoral School to research students starting in September

The UCL Doctoral School is here to support and guide you through your journey as part of our world-leading research community! [Find out more.](#)



Getting started - exploring the online library

Knowing how to successfully use UCL's library resources is key to your academic success. Therefore, you should get to grips with how to find books, journals and more early on. [Find out more.](#)





Be part of the solution

In June 2020 our community came together to do what it does best – find innovative solutions to global problems. We hosted a Hackathon challenging participants to come up with bold ideas for a green recovery from Covid-19. The submissions covered topics from food systems overhaul to local energy trading to innovative cycling programmes in cities. [See the winners here.](#)



Our students' creative work

In previous years, The Bartlett Faculty Travel Awards have supported Bartlett undergraduate students to undertake independent travel to another country. This year, students were asked to submit creative contributions on their local area instead. Bartlett students submitted films, photographs and essays documenting their experiences of Covid-19 lockdowns around the world. Follow [#BartlettSpaces](#) or [see submissions here.](#)



Online Induction PART 2

Your online induction, part 2 - Connected Learning at UCL

While social distancing continues, there will be limited opportunities to offer face-to-face teaching and learning in its most familiar forms. The Connected Learning at UCL course explores our approach to ensuring your online learning is active, collaborative, and enjoyable, and offers a practical opportunity for both new and returning students to experience an online course before the new term begins. **Get started!**



Online Induction PART 3

Your online induction, part 3 - Discover UCL Library Services


Our online library induction is your essential first step to using UCL's libraries, including all the resources and services available. **Find out more.**

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